

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A metal strand comprising at least two filaments, wherein at least one filament is interrupted to provide at least one filament end, wherein said filament end is fixed to an uninterrupted filament of said strand using a fixing substance.
2. (Original) A metal strand according to claim 1, said strand having an interruption zone, at each side of said interruption zone, at least one filament end being fixed to said uninterrupted filaments.
3. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said fixing substance being a glue.
4. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said fixing substance being a polymer.
5. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said fixing substance being a soldering substance.
6. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 5, said soldering substance having a melting temperature lower than 700°C.
7. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 5, said soldering substance being chosen out of the group consisting of Ag, Sn or Ag-Sn alloys.
8. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein only one filament is interrupted.
9. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said strand having a strand diameter, a diameter of fixation of filament ends being essentially equal to said strand diameter.

10. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein the strand diameter is smaller than 5mm.
11. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein the strand diameter is smaller than 2.5mm.
12. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein said filaments have a filament diameter, said filament diameter being smaller than 1.15mm.
13. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein the filament diameter is smaller than 0.35mm.
14. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 2, wherein the strand at the interruption zone has a force at rupture of more than 50% of the force at rupture of said strand outside said interruption zone.
15. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 2, wherein the strand at the interruption zone has an elongation at rupture of more than 30% of the elongation at rupture of said strand outside said interruption zone.
16. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said metal being steel.
17. (Previously Presented) A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, at least one of said strands being a metal strand as in claim 1.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer, comprising the metal strand according to claim 1.
20. (Currently Amended) ~~An elevator belt, comprising the metal strand according to A~~  
reinforced polymer as claimed in claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is an  
elevator belt.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~timing belt, comprising the metal strand of~~ reinforced polymer as claimed in claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is a timing belt.
22. (Cancelled)
23. (Currently Amended) A ~~hoisting rope, comprising the metal strand of~~ reinforced polymer as claimed in claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is a hoisting rope.
24. (Currently Amended) A ~~control cable, comprising the metal strand of~~ reinforced polymer as claimed in claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is a control cable.
25. (Currently Amended) A ~~suspension rope, comprising the metal strand of~~ reinforced polymer as claimed in claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is a suspension rope.
26. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein the fixing substance is disposed at the end of the filament end.
27. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein at least one filament serves as a core filament and at least one other filament serves as a filament that encircles that at least one core filament.
28. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 2, wherein the interruption zone is formed by two filament ends that are spaced apart from one another to form an interruption zone with a length corresponding to the distance between the spaced apart filament ends.
29. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 28, wherein the two filament ends are formed from a single filament.
30. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in ~~rubber belt, comprising the metal strand according to~~ claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is a reinforced rubber belt.
31. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in ~~tire, comprising the metal strand according to~~ claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is a reinforced tire.

32. (Currently Amended) ~~A hoisting belt, comprising the metal strand according to~~  
reinforced polymer as claimed in claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is a hoisting  
belt.

33. (Currently Amended) ~~An elevator rope, comprising the metal strand of A reinforced~~  
polymer as claimed in claim [[1]] 19, wherein said reinforced polymer is an elevator rope.